

17. (amended) A polymerizable composition, comprising

a) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, and

b) a compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1.

20. (amended) A process for preparing an oligomer, a cooligomer, a polymer or a copolymer (block or random) by free radical polymerization of at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, which comprises (co)polymerizing the monomer or monomers/oligomers in the presence of an initiator/regulator compound of formula (I), (II) or (III) according to claim 1 under reaction conditions capable of effecting scission of the O-C bond to form two free radicals, the $\bullet\text{C}$ radical being capable of initiating polymerization.

27. (new) A polymerizable composition, comprising

a) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, and

b) a compound of formula (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII) according to claim 16.

28. (new) A process for preparing an oligomer, a cooligomer, a polymer or a copolymer (block or random) by free radical polymerization of at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer or oligomer, which comprises (co)polymerizing the monomer or monomers/oligomers in the presence of an initiator/regulator compound of formula (IV), (V), (VI) or (VII) according to claim 16 under reaction conditions capable of effecting scission of the O-C bond to form two free radicals, the $\bullet\text{C}$ radical being capable of initiating polymerization.